



“YEAR OF INDIANA TREES!”

The 2008 Indiana State Fair will feature the “Year of Indiana Trees”! As a showcase of education, youth and agriculture, the annual Indiana State Fair is an opportunity to highlight pertinent crops which impact each one of us. This year’s 12 day state fair will highlight our Indiana trees through fun, educational programming and events. From the planting of our 50 Indiana trees around the fairgrounds, to a unique Lumberjack Show, to hickory smoked foods and Indiana nuts – visitors will come to recognize how our Indiana trees are a huge part of our everyday lives!

To honor the Indiana tree and the state’s hardwood industry, the Fairgrounds will also be completing the construction of a genuine Indiana Covered Bridge as a permanent iconic symbol of our state. Opening Ceremonies will be held at the Covered Bridge to commemorate the structure which will be built with Indiana hardwood lumber, processed during the 2007 State Fair.

Fun and interesting facts featured during the “Year of Indiana Trees!” include the following:

- Impacts Indiana economy by more than \$17 billion annually. The sale of trees alone generates approx \$174 million a year.
- The Indiana Hardwood industry ranks #1 in wood office furniture and #2 in production of hardwood veneer and plywood.
- Nearly 130,000 Hoosiers are employed in harvesting of timber and manufacturing or sale of wood products.
- Indiana is ‘famous’ worldwide for native hardwoods, particularly white oak and walnut. Indiana also produces ash, cherry, poplar and maple lumber.
- Indiana forests are managed as sustainable resources in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Indiana has more than 4.65 million acres of timberland, representing about 20% of the state’s acreage. This total is more than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.
- Forest based manufacturing generates payrolls of more than \$1.2 billion annually.
- Indiana’s state tree is the Tulip tree.
- There are 50 trees indigenous to Indiana.